

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, claims 44-47 and 50-58 and 60-80 were pending. Claims 44, 47, and 60-80 stand rejected, and claims 45, 46 and 50-58 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the advisory actions mailed June 16, 2005, and July 12, 2005, the replies considered therein were not entered since it was asserted that the proposed amendments would raise additional issues. In this response claims 44, 47 and 60-80 have been cancelled, and claim 45 has been amended to place the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 45-46 and 50-58 is respectfully requested.

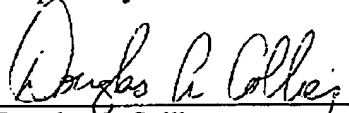
Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,471,725 to Ralph et al. It is noted that Ralph et al. is provisionally prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants reserve the right to swear behind the filing date of Ralph et al. with an affidavit under 37 CFR §1.131 in this application or in any related applications.

Claim 44 has been cancelled, and claim 45 has been rewritten in independent form to include the elements recited in claim 44. Accordingly, claim 45 is allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action along with claims 46 and 50-58 depending therefrom.

Claims 47, 60-80 have been cancelled, and the rejections of these claims are now moot in this application. Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejections and reserve the right to pursue the original and amended subject matter in a continuing application.

Allowance of the present application as amended and including claims 45-46 and 50-58 in view of this response is respectfully requested. The amendments do not raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner, and are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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